

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL 600

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO DESIGN  
CULTURAL COMPETENCE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN HEALTH  
EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TEMPORARY PROVISION--HEALTH EDUCATION CULTURAL  
COMPETENCE TASK FORCE--HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT--  
APPOINTMENT--DUTIES--REPORT.--

A. The secretary of higher education shall appoint  
a task force on cultural competence composed of health  
curricula specialists from two- and four-year public post-  
secondary educational institutions; health professionals; and  
representatives of the New Mexico health policy commission, the  
department of health, the Indian affairs department and the  
office on African American affairs. Members shall be appointed

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1 with due regard for geographic distribution and cultural and  
2 health-professional diversity.

3 B. The task force shall study and make  
4 recommendations on specific cultural competence curricula for  
5 each health-related education field offered in New Mexico's  
6 public post-secondary educational institutions. The curricula  
7 shall ensure that students are provided knowledge of cultural  
8 awareness and competence in their respective health service  
9 field, including:

- 10 (1) cross-cultural communication;
- 11 (2) culturally and linguistically appropriate  
12 health policy considerations;
- 13 (3) exploration of health beliefs and  
14 explanatory models;
- 15 (4) culturally competent health care delivery;
- 16 (5) health disparities, privilege and equity  
17 factors in the health system; and
- 18 (6) culturally and linguistically competent  
19 care supported by policy, administration and practice.

20 C. The curricula developed by the task force shall  
21 be designed to be offered electronically and through various  
22 distance-education models and media so as to minimize  
23 duplication and expense for students and educational  
24 institutions.

25 D. The task force shall review its findings and

1 recommendations with the legislative health and human services  
2 committee by November 2007. The task force shall make its  
3 final report to the governor, the legislature and the  
4 presidents of the public post-secondary educational  
5 institutions by December 15, 2007.

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